

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Curbside Collection Jan. 4 - 8, 2016

City crews will collect cut Christmas trees curbside on regular solid waste collection days. All clean trees collected will be chipped and used as mulch. Here's what to do:

- Remove ornaments, hangers, tinsel, nails AND the stand.
- Place the clean tree next to your Garbage, Clean Green and Recycling carts at the curb on your regular waste collection day. Flocked trees (trees with artificial snow) should be bagged to reduce stormwater pollution potential.
- Residents of apartments and other multi-family units can set out cut Christmas trees on the nearest public street on the regular solid waste collection day for their neighborhood. Call (408) 615-3080 if you are not sure of the day.

The City of Santa Clara Street Corporation Yard, located at 1700 Walsh Avenue, will also accept trees through Jan. 8 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

After Jan. 8, discard clean trees by cutting them into sections and placing them into your Clean-Green container. Flocked trees should be cut into sections and placed into the black Garbage container for disposal.

January City Office Closures

City Hall is closed on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, for New Years Day. There will be no Garbage, Clean Green or Recycling services on this day. Services will be postponed one day.

City Hall is closed on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. There will be no change in regular Garbage, Clean Green or Recycling schedules.

Triton Museum of Art News

Events

What the Triton Means to Me - Exhibition

Through January 3, 2016

The third Triton Museum of Art 50th Anniversary exhibition features paintings and sculptures by five artists whose careers have been enhanced and influenced by their relationship with the museum. Among the featured artists are Patricia Bengston-Jones, (who was also featured in a solo exhibition during the first year of the Triton's existence fifty years ago), David Middlebrook, Leroy Parker, Nabeela Sajjad and George Rivera.

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December 2015



Countdown to Kickoff Free Community Events

The countdown has begun! Mark your calendars and join the celebration at any of these free events leading up to Superbowl 50:

- **Dec. 4, 2015:** Tree Lighting at Central Park
- **Jan. 6, 2016:** Art Unveiling: "Anything's Possible" statue
- **Jan. 10, 2016:** Super Community 5K/10K/Fun Run
- **Jan. 18, 2016:** Gridiron Glory Pro Football Hall of Fame exhibit at Triton Museum
- **Jan. 30, 2016:** STEM Innovation Bowl "Experience from Afar" at Central Park Library
- **Jan. 31, 2016:** Community Concert & Fireworks at Mission College
- **Feb. 6, 2016:** Super Community Celebration: Daylong event at Santa Clara University

Watch for the Winter/Spring edition of the Inside Santa Clara newspaper in late December for detailed information on each of these events or visit santaclaraca.gov/supercommunity.

Minimum Wage Ordinance

New minimum wage of \$11 per hour effective Jan. 1, 2016

On September 22, 2015, the Santa Clara City Council passed a Minimum Wage Ordinance that goes into effect on January 1, 2016, raising the minimum wage from \$9 per hour to \$11 per hour. The Ordinance requires employers to pay a minimum of \$11.00 per hour to each employee who performs at least two (2) hours or more per week of work in Santa Clara. Beginning January 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the minimum wage will increase corresponding to the prior year's Consumer Price Index (CPI).

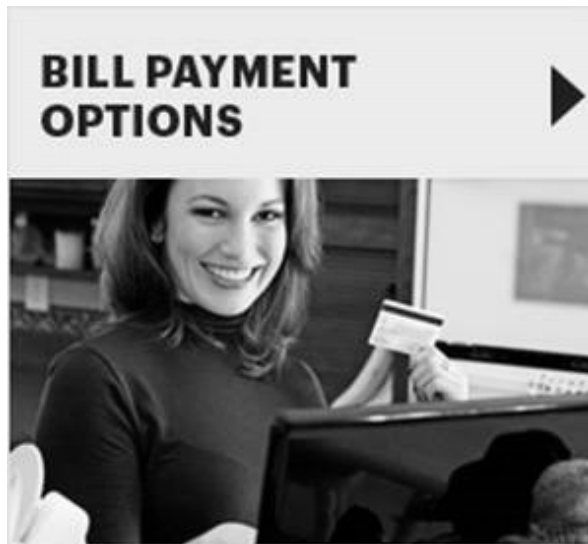
Please visit santaclaraca.gov/minimumwage for complete information about the new ordinance. This self-service page includes downloadable PDFs of the 2016 official minimum wage bulletin, important employer and employee document posters, FAQs and links to important resources.

2016 Leadership Santa Clara

Applications accepted through January 21, 2016

For 18 years, Leadership Santa Clara has prepared current and future leaders for the many challenges that lie ahead. Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 session of this popular course which presents skill-building workshops and topical presentations on the many issues influencing life in Santa Clara and the region. Full-day sessions are held at a variety of Santa Clara business and government sites, offering a peek behind-the-scenes of different organizations. Classes will be held from February through June. Participants pay a modest tuition fee and some scholarships are available. Graduates may also be awarded Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from Santa Clara University. For application and more information, visit santaclaraca.gov, call Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at (925) 249-9320 or the Santa Clara City Manager's Office at (408) 615-2210.

Electronic Utility Payments



The City of Santa Clara offers a number of convenient electronic utility bill payment options for our utility customers. Approximately two-thirds of the City's utility payments come through our electronic payment channels. These include automatic credit card/checking account, Web, IVR and Homebanking.

Electronic payments are convenient and help to ensure that utility bills are paid promptly, saving our customers and the City both time and money. This in turn helps to maintain lower utility rates, improve customer service and prevent late fees. Visit My Utilities Account/Bill Payment Options at santaclaraca.gov for more information. Thank you, customers, for making electronic utility payments a success!

Youth Commission 2015-2016 Term

Are you a Santa Clara resident age 12-19? Are you interested in being a voice in the community and

making a difference? Applications for Youth Commission will be available beginning Jan. 5, 2016, and can be obtained at City of Santa Clara facilities as well as Santa Clara Unified Middle and High School counseling and ASB Offices. Term applications must be submitted by Monday, March 7, 2016 and interviews will be conducted in person on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Youth Commission Scholarship

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission offers scholarships to City of Santa Clara resident high school juniors and graduating seniors. Last year the Youth Commission raised \$3,000 towards scholarships. Scholarship application availability, deadline, and interviews are the same as the term applications. If you have questions about the Youth Commission activities mentioned above, or the term and scholarship application, contact Jon Kawada at (408) 615-3741.

Turn Around Don't Drown®

Winter has arrived and with it comes predicted rain-lots of rain. If you ever find yourself in an area that is covered with flood water, you will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. Never underestimate the force and power of water. Pick-ups and SUVs are **No Protection** from rushing flood waters. Keeping these facts in mind will help you stay safe:

- As little as six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult.
- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and potential stalling.
- One foot of water will float many vehicles.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including SUVs and pick-ups.

Whether driving or walking, any time you come to a flooded area, Turn Around Don't Drown®.